

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

1. (Cancelled).
2. (Currently Amended) The coloration agent according to ~~Claim 4~~ claim 7 or 8, wherein the shot waste is produced as a by-product of shot blasting an iron-based metal.
3. (Previously Presented) A color developing clay for ceramic articles comprising a clay raw material admixed with 1 to 5 wt% of the coloration agent according to ~~Claim 4 or 2~~ claim 7 or 8.
- 4-6. (Cancelled).
7. (Currently Amended) ~~[[The]]~~ A coloration agent for use in ceramic articles ~~of claim 4,~~ comprising a metal powder separated from a shot waste  
  
wherein the shot waste is an iron based metal,  
  
the metal powder contains a metal oxide powder as a raw material, and  
  
the metal powder is comprised of 70 to 80 wt% of total iron.

8. (Previously Presented) The coloration agent for use in ceramic articles of claim 7, wherein the metal powder is comprised of 60 to 65 wt% of ferric oxide powder.

9. (Currently Amended) The coloration agent of ~~claim 1~~ claim 7, wherein the coloration agent is mixed with at least one oxide selected from the group consisting of copper oxide, manganese oxide, chromium oxide, cobalt oxide and vanadium oxide.

10-11. (Cancelled).

12. (Previously Presented) The color developing clay for ceramic articles of claim 3, wherein the clay raw material is a Kaolinite.